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STATE OF MICHIGAN 52-3 DISTRICT COURT

DAVE KERTI,

Plaintiff,

-VS-

Case No. Hon.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Jurisdiction

1. The amount in controversy is less than \$10,000.00.

Venue

2. The transactions and occurrences which give rise to this action occurred within the boundaries for the State of Michigan, 52-3 District Court.

3. Venue is proper in this Court.

Parties |

- 4. Dave Kerti resides in Lake Orion, Michigan.
- 5. Dave Kerti is a consumer as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq ("FCRA") at §1681a(c).
- 6. The Defendant to this action is Equifax Information Services, LLC, is a foreign corporation ("Equifax"), a furnisher of information as contemplated by the FCRA.

General Factual Allegations

- 7. Plaintiff discovered false information on his Equifax consumer report; specifically, Equifax was reporting a judgment against Mr. Kerti in the amount of \$670,403.00 when the actual judgment liability was approximately \$3,000.00.
- 8. At the time Equifax reported the judgment, Equifax had actual knowledge that the jurisdictional limit of the Court from which the reported judgment was obtained has a jurisdictional limit of \$25,000.00.
- 9. On or about December 1, 2015, Plaintiff sent written notice to Equifax that the \$670,403.00 amount was incorrect; specifically, Plaintiff's letter stated:

"December 1, 2015

By First Class Mail tracking

Equifax Information Services, LLC PO Box 105314 Atlanta, GA 30348

RE:

Name:

Dave Kerti

Soc. Sec:

XXX-XX-XXXX

REQUEST FOR REINVESTIGATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to request that you reinvestigate false information in my credit history. You are showing a judgment against me in the amount of \$673,403.00. This is incorrect. The Court I was sued in has a jurisdictional limit of \$25,000.00. Please correct this. The Court file has a copy of the judgment in it that shows the correct amount. Having this judgment show up on my credit report as unpaid in that amount is a complete bar to me getting credit from anywhere.

This false information has affected my credit score. I am asking that it be corrected immediately. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dave Kerti"

- 10. Mr. Kerti disputed that inaccurate information by transmitting actual notice of his dispute along with an adequate description and explanation to Equifax.
- 11. Mr. Kerti requested that Equifax reinvestigate and correct the information as envisioned by 15 U.S.C. § 1681i.
- 12. Mr. Kerti's request for reinvestigation included sufficient information to provide actual notice that the subject credit information was inaccurate and/or the source of information was not reliable.
- 13. Equifax responded to this dispute from Mr. Kerti by failing to correct the false information.
- 14. Equifax failed to maintain reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible accuracy, of Plaintiff's credit report.
- 15. Equifax failed to adequately follow the procedures set forth in 15 U.S.C. § 1681is
- 16. Equifax violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b).
- Plaintiff has been denied credit and has foregone applying for his builder's license due to the fact that Equifax is falsely reporting that he owes someone \$670,403.00.
- 18. Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of Equifax's failure to abide by 15 U.S.C. § 1681i.

Count I - Violations of the FCRA

15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. (Equifax)

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 20. The appearance of the inaccurate account information was the direct and proximate result of Equifax's failure to maintain reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report in violation of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b).
- 21. Equifax willfully failed to maintain reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681e(b) and 1681n.
- 22. In the alternative, Equifax negligently failed to maintain reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681e(b) and 1681o;
- 23. Equifax willfully failed to maintain reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681e(b) and 1681n.
- 24. As part of the reinvestigation, Equifax was required to notify the furnishers of the disputed account information in a notice.
- 25. That notice was required to include all relevant information regarding the dispute that the agency has received from the consumer.
- 26. Equifax failed to include all relevant information regarding the dispute to the furnishers of the disputed account information in violation of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(2)(A).
- 27. As part of the reinvestigation, Equifax was required to consider and give due weight to all relevant information submitted by Mr. Kerti.

- 28. Equifax's failed to properly consider and give due weight to all relevant information submitted by Mr. Kerti in course of the reinvestigation, in violation of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(5).
- 29. Equifax's reinvestigation improperly resulted in the reporting of information which Equifax found to be inaccurate, incomplete, unverifiable in violation of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(5).
- 30. Equifax has wilfully violated the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681i and 1681n.
- 31. In the alternative, Equifax has negligently violated the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681i and 1681o.
- 32. Mr. Kerti has suffered damages as a result of these violations of the FCRA.

COUNT II - Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (Equifax)

- 33. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 34. Equifax's conduct in defaming the good name and credit of Plaintiff constituted extreme and outrageous conduct.
- 35. Equifax intentionally defamed the good name and credit of the Plaintiff, and did so with reckless disregard of the possible consequences to Plaintiff.
- 36. Equifax's conduct in defaming the good name and credit of Plaintiff directly and proximately caused emotional distress to the Plaintiff.
- 37. Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of the conduct of Equifax.

COUNT III - Negligence (Equifax)

38. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.

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- 39. Equifax owed Plaintiff a duty to refrain from unreasonable conduct which could foreseeably cause damage to Plaintiff's person or property.
- 40. Plaintiff holds a property interest in his good name, credit worthiness, and reputation.
- 41. Equifax's publication of false and inaccurate credit information on Plaintiff's credit report was unreasonable.
- 42. Plaintiff has suffered foreseeable damages as a result of this unreasonable publication of false and inaccurate credit information by Equifax.

COUNT IV- Negligence Per Se - (Equifax)

- 43. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 44. Equifax's actions in publishing false and inaccurate credit information on Plaintiff's credit report was in violation of express duties under the FCRA.
- 45. Those unreasonable actions were *per* se unreasonable.
- 46. Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of this per se unreasonable publication of false and inaccurate credit information by Equifax.

COUNT IV - Defamation by Libel (Equifax)

- 47. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 48. Equifax's written publications of the trade lines on Plaintiff's credit report were false and defamatory.
- 49. Equifax's publications were not privileged communications.
- 50. Equifax's publications of the trade lines on Plaintiff's credit report were made negligently, with reckless disregard to their falsity, or maliciously.
- 51. The statements were *per se* defamatory.

- 52. Plaintiff has suffered special damages including loss of creditworthiness as a result of the publication of the defamatory statements.
- 53. Plaintiff has suffered emotional distress as a result of the publication of the defamatory statements.

COUNT V - Malicious Statutory Libel (Equifax)

- 54. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 55. The inaccurate credit information was published with malice or ill-will.
- 56. Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of this malicious libel by Equifax in violation of M.C.L. § 600.2911.
- Plaintiff is entitled to actual and punitive damages has suffered damages as a result of this malicious liable under the provisions of M.C.L. § 600.2911.

Demand For Judgment for Relief

ACCORDINGLY, Plaintiff requests that this Court award actual damages, statutory damages, and attorney fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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